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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT (RECEIVED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE)
OF A CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRESIDENT MOBUTU ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC. AMBASSADOR MULCAHY IS CARRYING
THE ORIGINAL

QUOTE: NOVEMBER 21, 1975. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC AND OF
YOUR OWN ACCESSION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, I AM
PLEASED TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE MY
WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES.

THIS HAS BEEN A DECADE OF IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT IN
ZAIRE. ALL ZAIRIANS MAY LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE UPON THE
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FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR: STABILITY THROUGHOUT THE LAND;

THE TAPPING OF ZAIRE'S ENORMOUS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL; THE ENNOBLEMENT OF THE NATION'S CULTURAL HERITAGE; AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT IN AFRICAN AND WORLD COUNCILS. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS STAND AS A TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATION OF THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE AND TO THE WISDOM AND STEADFASTNESS OF THEIR LEADERSHIP.

THE PAST DECADE HAS ALSO BEEN ONE OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED AND WILL, I AM CONFIDENT, CONTINUE TO EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ZAIRE.

ON THIS HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MY FELLOW CITIZENS IN SALUTING YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE AND IN WISHING TO ALL ZAIRIANS CONTINUED PEACE AND PROGRESS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOBUTU SESE SEKO
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE
KINSHASA KISSINGER

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